

nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled the “Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the President on Federal Advisory Committees”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–92) **Page S1389**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 64 yeas 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 38), Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1336–68, S1439**

By 59 yeas 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 40), Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1336–68, S1439**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration. (New Position)

S. David Fineman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mary A. McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

W. Robert Pearson, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1437–39**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—40) **Page S1368**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 94, at 6:22 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 20, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1437.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MEDICARE REFORM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine issues dealing with Medicare reform, focusing on the Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General’s report on Medicare Payment errors and waste, fraud and abuse reduction, after receiving testimony from Nancy-Ann M. DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, and June G. Brown, Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Leslie G. Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, General Accounting Office.

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held oversight hearings to examine major management issues facing the Department of Transportation, focusing on Amtrak and rail infrastructure improvement, receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Peter J. Basso, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Transportation; and Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the Amtrak Reform Board.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Patrick T.

Henry, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Carolyn H. Becraft, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment; Lt. Gen. David H. Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; MCPO Joseph Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Joyce Raezer, National Military Family Association, and Col. Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Retired Officers Association, all on behalf of the Military Coalition, Alexandria, Virginia; and Larry D. Rhea, Non Commissioned Officers Association, and Marshall A. Hanson, Naval Reserve Association, both on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance, Springfield, Virginia.

#### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the final report of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission, focusing on how should the international financial institutions be restructured to meet current and prospective economic and financial conditions, after receiving testimony from Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jeffrey D. Sachs, Harvard University Center for International Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts, C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C., and Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York, New York, all on behalf of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission.

#### 2001 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee met to receive a preliminary report on an analysis of the President's budgetary proposals for fiscal year 2001 from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on the regulatory process in the nuclear industry, enforcement and safety concerns, and possible reforms for more effective oversight, after receiving testimony from Senator Sessions; Richard A.

Meserve, Chairman, who was accompanied by Nils Diaz, Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Edward McGaffigan, and Greta Joy Dicus, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Ralph Beedle, Nuclear Energy Institute, and David E. Adelman, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and William E. Kennedy, Jr., Health Physics Society, Benton City, Washington, on behalf of the American National Standards Institute.

#### INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued hearings to examine the penalty and interest provisions in the Internal Revenue Code, and certain recommendations to simplify penalty administration and reduce taxpayer burden, receiving testimony from Judith Akin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents; David A. Lifson, on behalf of the Tax Division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Robert H. Scarborough, on behalf of the Tax Section of the New York State Bar Association, both of New York, New York; Paul J. Sax, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association; Charles W. Shewbridge, III, BellSouth Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Tax Executives Institute, Inc.; Mark A. Ernst, H&R Block, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; and Nina E. Olson, Community Tax Law Project, Richmond, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings on issues relating to NATO's Defense Capabilities Initiative and the European Union's European Security and Defense Program issues, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Franklin D. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; and Jeffrey Gedmin, American Enterprise Institute, on behalf of the New Atlantic Initiative, and F. Stephen Larrabee and Robert E. Hunter, both of RAND Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.

#### MANAGING HUMAN CAPITAL

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on management of human capital, focusing on how to improve the federal government's approach

to managing its people, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Janice R. Lachance, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens, with amendments;

S. 1796, to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments;

S.J. Res. 39, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war; and

S. Res. 258, designating the week beginning March 12, 2000 as "National Safe Place Week".

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Joan R. Challinor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Juanita Sims Doty, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, Leslie Lenkowsky, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bobby L. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Michael G. Rossmann, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Daniel Simberloff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, and certain Public Health Service Corps lists.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 3871–3902; 1 private bill, H.R. 3903; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 272–275 and H. Res. 437, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 8 by a recorded vote of 369 ayes to 45 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 35.

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**Ivanpah Valley, Nevada Airport:** The House passed H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility by a yeas and nays vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 37.

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Agreed to the Hansen amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–515 that clarifies land conveyance and reversionary language and includes the Secretary of the Interior with the Secretary of Transportation as a joint lead agency for environmental review by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 36.

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Earlier agreed to H. Res. 433, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 34.

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**Small Business Tax Fairness Act:** The House passed H.R. 3081, to increase the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 41.

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Rejected the Rangel motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute providing for